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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL STATEMENT

This Interim Management Statement will provide interim direction for the management of Mississagi Delta Provincial Park until a comprehensive Park Management Plan is prepared.

This statement will provide the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Park Management Plan.

I am pleased to approve this Interim Management Statement for Mississagi Delta Provincial Park.

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MISSISSAGI DELTA PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE  
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

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I LAND TENURE

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources received approval to designate Mississagi Delta as a provincial nature reserve on the 28th day of June, 1984. The park includes 2395 ha (Figure 1). The following properties are excluded:

- Fox Island and Islands Id.18 and Id.6,
- 2 cottage lots,
- Canadian Pacific Railway rail line, bridge, and right-of-way.

Guidelines:

All Crown lands in the park will be retained. The existing private land will be purchased as these lands become available and as funds permit. Canadian Pacific Railway will manage their lands as required.

II EXISTING/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

There is no road access to Mississagi Delta Provincial Nature Reserve. Water access is provided on the east bank of the Mississagi River from a boat launch outside the park. There are no park facilities at present.

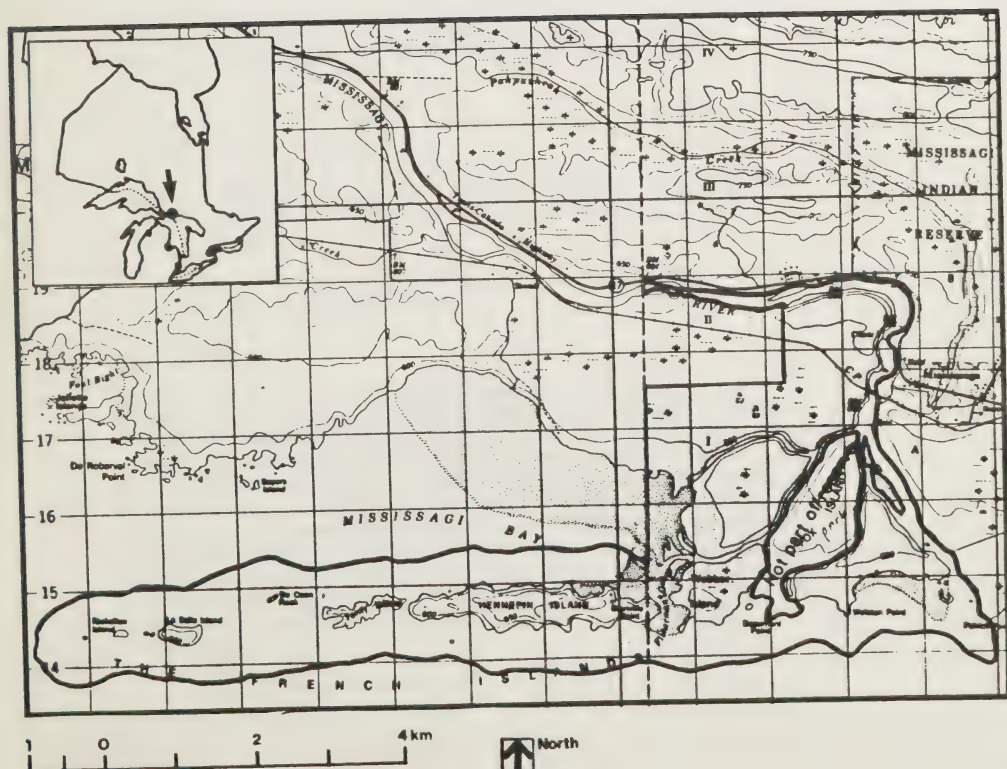
Guidelines:

No development is proposed at this time. When park development is proposed, it will be reviewed with the public through the management planning process.

III RECREATION ACTIVITIES

A variety of recreation activities occur in the park. These include: boating, canoeing, sportfishing, hunting, backcountry camping, day use beach activities, and wildlife viewing.









Guidelines:

The existing recreational uses will continue. Levels of uses will be evaluated as part of the collection of background information for recreation management and park management planning. Appropriate regulations will apply (eg. Provincial Parks Act, Historic Sites Act, Public Lands Act, Game and Fish Act, etc.).

IV COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

The existing commercial activity is limited to trapping on one trapline, which is for the most part, outside the park.

Guidelines:

Commercial trapping will continue according to the terms of the existing trapline. There will be no logging, mineral exploration, aggregate extraction, bait fishing, commercial fishing, or commercial tourism permitted within the park.

V NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

There have been some reconnaissance studies of the natural and cultural resources of Mississagi Delta Provincial Nature Reserve. These studies have identified some provincially significant features:

- Canadian Shield, southern province middle precambrian conglomerate and argillite;
- late Wisconsinan and recent deltaic deposits associated with the Wenebagon spillway - an excellent bedrock controlled delta; and,
- numerous precontact, archaeological and historical features including fur trade sites.

Guidelines:

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources recognizes the significance of the resources in this area. It will cooperate with other agencies and qualified individuals to further the inventory and understanding of the natural and cultural resources of the area. In particular, ongoing communication will be maintained with the Regional Archaeologist of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture to ensure that inventories and studies conform to the policies and guidelines for research in provincial parks (see Research Section). Archaeological and historical resources will not be removed or altered in any way without prior approval through the research policy and guidelines.



## VI VISITOR SERVICES

The park is described as a provincial nature reserve in a fact sheet that is available in the District, Region, and Main Office. This identifies the park class, size, location, access, natural features, recreation opportunities as well as cautions to park visitors. Appropriate topographic maps are also listed.

### Guidelines:

The fact sheet will continue to be available upon request from the Blind River District Office, the Northeastern Region, or the Main Office in Toronto.

## VII RESEARCH

There is ongoing interest in research of the archaeological and historical resources by the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

### Guidelines:

Research of any kind is permitted with the District Manager's approval according to the Provincial Parks Research Policy. The Regional Archaeologist of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture will be consulted prior to the issuance of approvals for research to determine any concerns that they may have to proposed activities in the park.

## VIII MARKETING

There are no developed facilities and as such Mississagi Delta Provincial Nature Reserve is not being marketed in the provincial marketing program.





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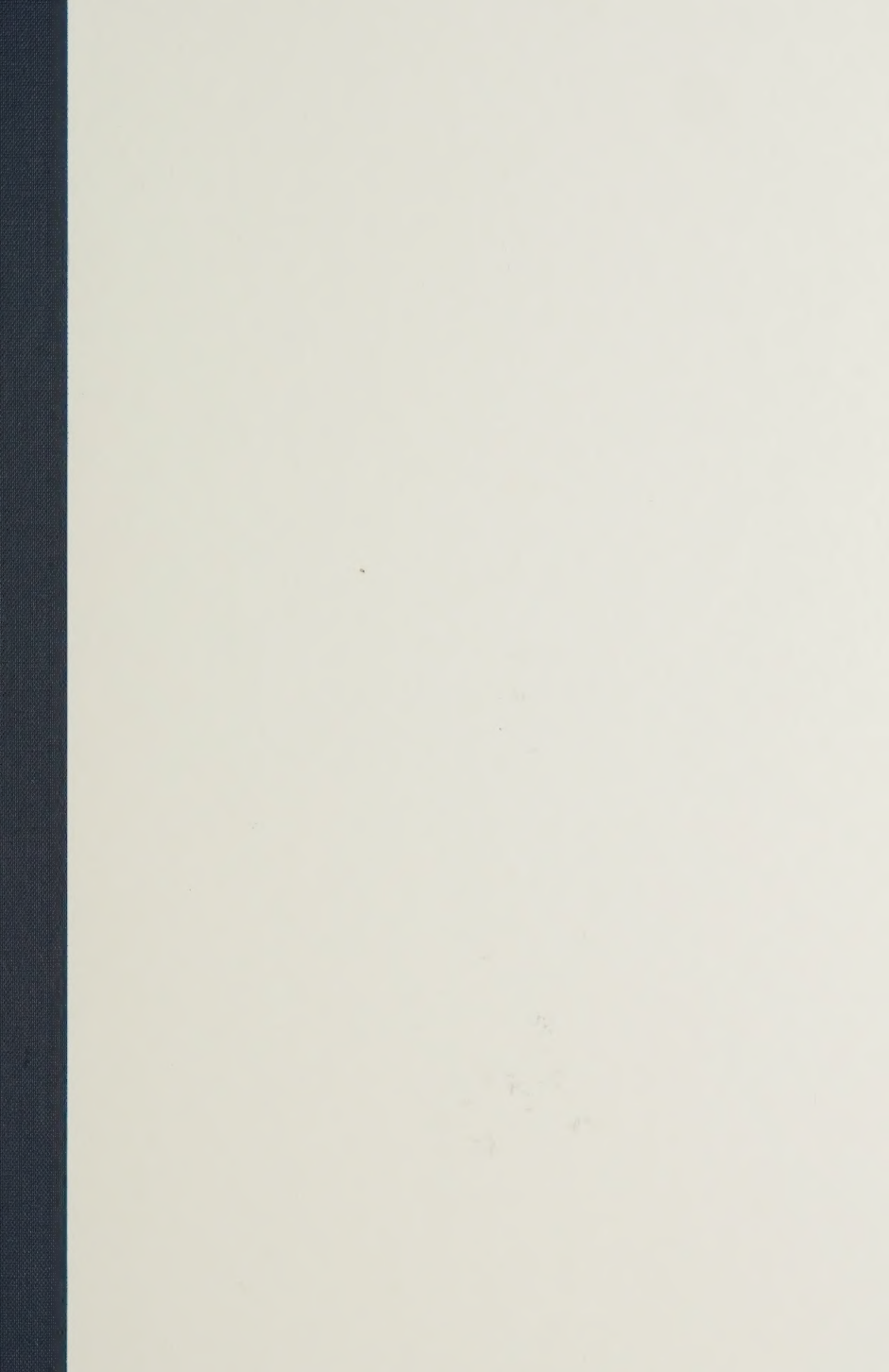




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